Edward A. Dickson served as a Regent of the University of California from 1913 to 1946, the longest tenure of any Regent. In 1955, Mr. Dickson presented the University with a gift endowment which enables each campus to make an annual $10,000 award recognizing teaching, research, or public service by one or more emeritus professors, or a salary stipend for emeriti professors on recall. The highest priority is for support of activities that benefit the campus and for which funding is not available from other sources. A historical list of Berkeley chairholders is presented below.

2007-08    Joseph Duggan, French
2008-09    Robert Sawyer, Mechanical Engineering
2011-12    C. Roger Glassey, Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
2012-13    Arlie Hochschild, Sociology
2013-14    Jerry Craddock, Spanish and Portuguese
            John M. Prausnitz, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
2014-15    Alan H. Nelson, English
            Joseph A. Wolf, Mathematics
2015-16    Joel Altman, English
            Carlos Muñoz Jr., Ethnic Studies
2016-17    John Casida, Environmental Science, Policy, and Management
            Jack Kirsch, Molecular and Cell Biology
2017-18    Mary Ann Mason, Social Welfare
            Kenneth Polse, Optometry